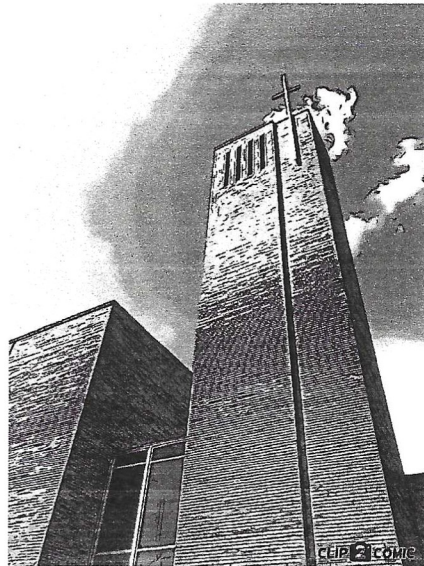


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Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn: **How Firm a Foundation** LSB 728
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Closing Hymn: **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** LSB 733

July 31, 2022 Of Our Time: 96 Communion: 84
Giving: \$ 6,097.00

EVERYTHING IS SO expensive-but do we really need everything? Next week listen to Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann's message on the Lutheran Hour: "Everything Is So Expensive" (Luke 12:15) on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM. Today's message: : "These Are Not Our Kind of People" (Matthew 5:43-48).

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” (2) But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” (3) And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” (4) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” (5) And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” (6) And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (2) For by it the people of old received their commendation. (3) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (4) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. (5) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. (6) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (7) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (8) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. (10) For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. (11) By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. (12) Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. (13) These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. (14) For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. (15) If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. (16) But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Gospel**Luke 12:22-34**

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. (23) For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. (24) Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! (25) And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? (26) If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? (27) Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (28) But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! (29) And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. (30) For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. (31) Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. (32) "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (33) Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. (34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED in being a part time Sunday School teacher? Talk with Pastor, Cindy Fitzner or Sylvia.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED in starting up a choir again? Talk with Pastor or Sylvia.

GOD'S WONDER LAB– Jesus Does The Impossible! What a wonderful week at V.B.S.! There were 24 students throughout the week. We gathered \$ 59.33 for 4KenyaKids. Thank you to: Our decorating crew: Bonnie and Skip Henton, Mallery, and Mariah Geistfeld, Pastor, Barb Wiederhoeft and Johana Wiederhoeft-Weihe! Our site leaders and helpers: Chris Geistfeld (Music), Mariah Geistfeld (Storyteller), Kerrie Bennett (Snacks), Mallery (Crafts), and Sierra (Preschool) Geistfeld, Jade Kitzerow, Mary and Beth Bennett, Norah, Maggie, and Jana Chase, Thea and Taylor Boesch, Johana Wiederhoeft-Weihe, Mr. Miller, and Pastor Meeker! Thank you to Pastor Chase and Sierra Geistfeld (and Ozzy the Owl) for the amazing openings and closings! Thank you to Cindi Riewe and Art Dougherty for their help! Thank you to Nick Stohs for making the crosses! Thank you for all the food and monetary gifts for snacks and supplies! Also thank you to Ruth Circle and Thrivent for helping fund this wonderful week!

In Christ,
Miss C. Fitzner

Introit *Ps. 147:8–11; antiphon: Ps. 147:7*

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*

make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*

he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,*

and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*

nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*

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YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ The family of **Beth Kitzerow** who was called home to heaven on Wednesday night, August 2nd. May the Living Lord Jesus comfort all who mourn.

+ **Elaine Armstrong, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Norman Wiederhoeft, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Arlys Halverson, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz, Bea Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit**, who face prolonged illnesses. May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: Eulalie Grunig, Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth**. May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler**. May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THE CONGREGATION IS invited to the 50th Anniversary Open House celebrating Duane and Lynda Meyer on August 14th from 1-4pm at the Truman Community Building.

THE 2022 CHURCH Directories are on the narthex desk.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.,	Aug. 7	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Adult Bible Study
Mon.	Aug. 8	7:00	Trustees meet
Tues.,	Aug. 9	10:00	Women's Bible Study
		7:00	Board of Education meets
		7:30	Elders meet
Sun.,	Aug. 14	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	The Youth Group will be giving a presentation on their time at Higher Things during the Bible Study time on Sunday, August 14th. Everyone is invited to join us!

Organists: 08/07 Chris 08/14 Heidi 08/21 Sylvia

08/07 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban


08/14 Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

08/21 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

 Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.